The County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors established the County Volunteer Program in 1981 to encourage citizens to donate their time and talents to public service programs. It includes a central policy, procedures on reporting volunteer hours, insurance, recruitment and an annual recognition and awards luncheon. There are 37 County departments and the Los Angeles Superior Court with active volunteer programs. Participants assist with a wide variety of projects, ranging from consumer awareness, beach cleanups and literacy improvement programs to after-school tutoring, museum tours and mentoring foster youth.

Last year, more than 53,000 individuals generously donated 3.5 million hours, valued by the Independent Sector as a savings of \$64 million to the County.

The County Volunteer Program carries out our motto "To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service." It also fulfills key aspects of the County's Strategic Plan, including Service Excellence, Fiscal Responsibility and Children and Families Well Being.

In recognition of the President's official 2007 declaration of National Volunteer Week (April 15-21), the County will sponsor its 25<sup>th</sup> annual "Volunteer of the Year" recognition and awards luncheon on Monday, April 30, 2007, in the Grand Hall, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center.

The theme, "County Volunteers: Follow the Yellow Brick Road" illustrates their determination to help others find the road to fulfillment and success. Volunteers are smart individuals with hearts of gold. They display courage in their challenging assignments and provide hope to those in need.

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## I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1. Proclaim Monday, April 30, 2007 as "County Volunteers: Follow the Yellow Brick Road" Day in the County of Los Angeles;
- 2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) to appropriate \$40,000 for the 2007 County Volunteer Program, including the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Volunteer of the Year recognition and awards luncheon, Fall Volunteer Network Wrap-up meeting and luncheon and Insurance Workshop conducted by CAO Risk Management;
- 3. Request that all County departments support the Volunteer Program by submitting quarterly reports on the number of volunteer hours donated to the CAO Workplace Programs Office;
- 4. Request that the Chief Administrative Office and Internal Services
  Department provide the necessary support for the 2007 County Volunteer
  Program;
- 5. Waive the \$1,200 rental fees, excluding liability insurance, for use of the Grand Hall and Lobby, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center for the 2007 Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards luncheon; and
- 6. Waive parking fees in the amount of \$1,750, excluding liability insurance, for parking at the Music Center for honorees and guests attending the "Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards luncheon on Monday, April 30, 2007.

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